

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

Conference call:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- * New Member Orientation - Sunday, April 8th (11:30am)
- * Intercessory Prayer Breakfast - April 14 (8am)
- * House of Rahab (HOR) Sista Swap - April 21 (10:30am)

IMPORTANT:

Please send emails, announcements, and appointment requests to info.nmccenter@gmail.com

NOTES:

Please continue to pray over these issues:

- Ownership & transition into our building
- The Physical Health of NMCC members
- Marriages/Family/Legacy
- Environmental Conditions facing our kids in school

New Millennium Christian Center

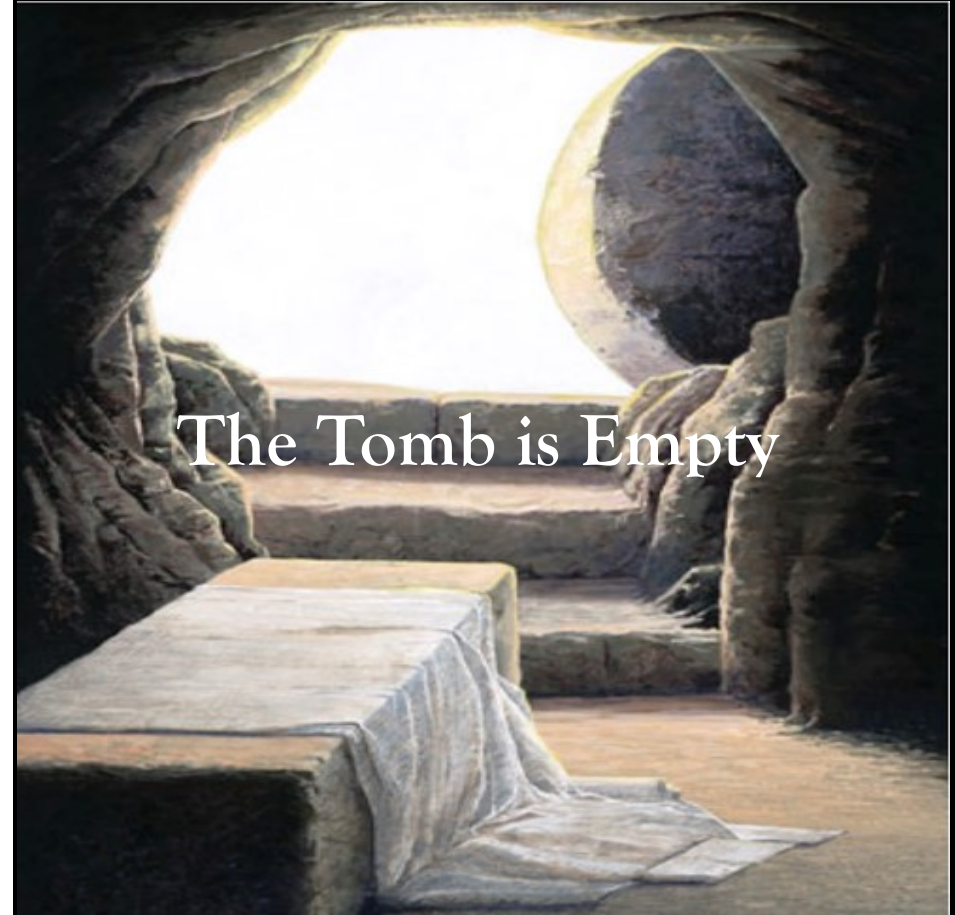
Our Vision: A multi-faceted ministry that equips people of all races in pursuing, capturing and developing a mature personal relationship with Jesus the Christ.

Our Mission: To walk in the Spirit of God, so that others may know Him, to make disciples and to spread the gospel of Christ.



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“The Tomb is Empty”

Teaching: Read John 20:1-18

Declarations:

The tomb is empty. Death could not contain the One who poured Himself out in Love. He is Alive and all those who stand at the Altar of the Cross, believing in His promise, shall live forever in Him.

The tomb is empty. There is a glorified Resurrected Savior, now seated at the right hand of the Father, holding the place He has prepared for each of us. His wounds are glorified now, beautiful, streaming the light of grace upon an earth being born, revealing the depth of His love and the Hope that springs eternal, He lives no more to die!

The tomb is empty. Through His passion, His obedience unto death, and His Resurrection, He welcomes us into the very inner life of the Trinity. In Him we make our home in God. In His sacred humanity, He transforms the entire human experience.

The tomb is empty. The whole world, created through Him, is now re-created in Him. We see our lives differently as we open ourselves to His Spirit and allow Him to replace our finite vision with the eyes of eternal perspective.

The tomb is empty. Life for a believer is not circular but linear. It is always moving forward to fulfillment in Him. There is a beginning - and an end - which is but a new beginning in the One who is Himself both the Beginning and the End.

The tomb is empty. The ground upon which He breathed and formed our first brother Adam, the ground upon which He walked and into which they placed His sacred, lifeless Body, has opened wide. It could not contain Him. He Rose victorious from the dead! "Be not afraid" He now cries out causing the stones to burst forth in our own lives.

Look at the other side of the table:

(1) Even the most skeptical, cynical, and unbelieving historians, philosophers, and theologians agree that a man named Jesus died on a Roman cross on Friday and was later buried in a tomb that was empty on Sunday morning. They also agree that countless individuals, both men and women, testified that they saw Jesus alive.

(2) There is no evidence anywhere in the ancient world that anyone disputed that the tomb of Jesus was empty on Sunday morning, not even those who crucified Jesus.

(3) Some argue that the disciples of Jesus stole the body and created the story that he rose from the dead. However, stealing a dead body is one thing, but how then do you make it appear to be alive? I. E. The Damascus Road a year later?

(4) If the disciples stole the body they obviously knew that Jesus didn't rise again. And if they knew the resurrection was a myth that they themselves had concocted, why did they so willingly and joyfully endure such persecution and eventual martyrdom?

(5) Stealing the body cannot account for the radical change in their lives and their willingness to endure horrific oppression and rejection for their beliefs.

(6) Perhaps Jesus didn't even die at all. Maybe he appeared to hundreds of people after the crucifixion because he was still alive when they took him down off the cross.

(7) Maybe the Roman authorities themselves removed the body from the tomb. But there are only two reasons to do so. On the one hand, if you wanted to fabricate a resurrection you simply steal the body and claim that Jesus rose from the dead. But that is the last thing in the world the enemies of Christianity wanted to happen. On the other hand you might steal the body in order to disprove the resurrection.

(8) Maybe it was dark and the women went to the wrong tomb and finding it empty proclaimed that Jesus had risen from the dead. But if they went to the wrong tomb and used this as the basis for declaring that Jesus had risen from the dead, why didn't the Roman authorities go to the correct tomb, produce the body, and put an end to Christianity right from the start?

Conclusion:

-People hate the idea of resurrection because it means they are accountable to God and are called to turn from their sin and trust the saving work of Jesus on the cross.

-They hate the idea of resurrection because it is the inescapable reminder to them that a day is coming when they will stand before God and be judged in righteousness.

-The bottom line is that people reject the resurrection because to accept and believe it and live in the light of its reality means they must abandon their sinful lifestyles, and they don't want to.

-People have a vested interest in denying the resurrection because it is God's way of providing incorrigible proof that in and through Jesus Christ all unrepentant men and women will be judged.

-People don't reject the gospel and the truth of Christ's death and resurrection for intellectual or philosophical reasons. They reject it for moral reasons.

-It is not for lack of evidence that they reject the resurrection but because of their love for sin.

Prayer

Communion

Invitation

Second Offering

Benediction